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For: METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY
EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS
SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND
COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Official Communication from the European Patent Office dated 2 May 2007. It is noted that the eight references identified in the Communication were previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with PTO/SB/08s on 10 June and 28 December 2005, and are therefore not enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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